GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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DEVELOPMENT OF NEW URBAN AREAS AND CAPITALS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) the provisions laid down for according approval for developing vast new urban areas and capitals;

(b) the details of proposals received thereunder during the year 2001-2002 and 2002-2003;

(c) the number of proposals out of them pertaining to land aquisition and felling of trees; and

(d) the action taken by his ministry on the proposal regarding project for the capital of Chhattisgarh?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKR)

(a)to(d): It is the responsibility of State Governments to develop new urban areas and capitals. However, Central Government supplements the efforts of State Governments through policyformulation, technical guidance and Central assistance under Centrally Sponsored Schemes.

Urban Development Plan Formulation and Implementation (UDPFI)Guidelines inter-alia contain Guidelines for the land use structure in a town.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme forInfrastructure Developmentin Mega Cities, financial assistance is provided to nodal agencies designated by State Governments in Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad and Bangalore.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Integrated Developmento f Small and Medium Towns (IDSMT),Central Government provides financial assistance for strengthening urban infrastructure in existing towns having elected local bodies and population upto 5 lakhs as per 1991 census.

A proposal was received from Government of Chhattisgarh for financial assistance for development of new capital city. As there was no provision for the purpose in the 9th Plan as well as in the 10th Plan, this Ministry is not in a position to provide any financial assistance for the purpose.